

VFW to Warn of Signs Of Test Ban Breach

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Unless something happens very soon to show that the nuclear test ban treaty is a mistake, it will have little political effect, the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said here today.

Joseph J. Lombardo, a 49-year-old Brooklyn (N. Y.) attorney and World War II Marine machine-gunner, was elected to the top job in the veterans' group at its convention late last month in Seattle, Wash.

The convention, he said, passed a resolution opposing ratification of the treaty "on the basis of the past performance of the Communists in the field of international agreements."

But his brief visit to Washington, he said during a press conference, is not for the purpose of opposing the treaty.

"Knowledgeable people here are already aware of the position we took," he said.

If, as seems likely, the test ban treaty is approved, Mr. Lombardo said, "we will keep the Nation as alert as we can to any possible event that is a forerunner to a breach of the treaty by the Communists. We will not be nitpickers, but we feel it is the duty of all patriotic Americans to keep our country strong."

Last spring, Mr. Lombardo visited the Far East and said he found Viet Nam and the Chinese Nationalist government of Taiwan the two major bulwarks against communism in that area. If either one were



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to fall, he said, it would open the way to Red Chinese expansion which would not stop short of Australia.

After visiting several other cities in the United States, Mr. Lombardo will leave later this month for Europe where he will examine facilities of Radio Free Europe and attend as an observer at the European Confederation of War Veterans' meeting in Madrid. In October, he expects to go to Saigon to a conference of the Asian Anti-Communism League.